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SUBJECT: REACTION TO CANADIAN CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF ILO
GOVERNING BODY

REF: (A) OTTAWA 504 (NOTAL) (B) GENEVA 768 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: UNOFFICIAL REACTION TO CANDIDACY OF
CANADIAN WORKER JOE MORRIS FOR ILO GOVERNING BODY
CHAIRMANSHIP IN JUNE 1977-1978 TERM HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY
FAVORABLE. THE ONLY CONCERN EXPRESSED SO FAR HAS
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CENTERED ON THE EFFECT A "WORKER'S TURN" WOULD HAVE
ON THE TRADITIONAL REGIONAL ROTATION AMONG GOVERNMENT
REPS. THE MATTER IS LIKELY TO COME UP IN THE CORRIDORS
DURING THE GOVERNING BODY SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. EC NINE REPS DISCUSSED MORRIS' CANDIDACY IN
RESPONSE TO A CANADIAN MISSION REQUEST FOR AN

INFORMAL REACTION. THE NINE DID NOT ENDORSE MORRIS BUT AGREED THAT HE WOULD BE A GOOD CHAIRMAN AND A CANDIDATE "HARD TO BEAT". SOME CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED THAT IF MORRIS TOOK THE REGIONAL TURN OF THE AMERICAS, A EMPLOYER CANDIDATE LATER ON MIGHT CLAIM THE TURN OF ANOTHER REGION OF WHICH HE MIGHT NOT BE A MEMBER. IF MORRIS WERE ELECTED, THE GOVERNMENT GROUP WOULD THEN NOMINATE ONE OF ITS TITULAR GB MEMBERS AS VICE CHAIRMAN. CANADA AND THE UK SEEM TO ASSUME THAT AGO OF ITALY WOULD BE SELECTED; THE FRENCH ASKED FOR OUR OPINION ON AGO, AND THE DUTCH SIMPLY NOTED THAT HIS NAME HAD BEEN MENTIONED.

3. FIET GENERAL SECRETARY MAIER TOLD US THAT IN NOMINATING MORRIS, THE WORKERS GROUP HAD DECIDED TO SEEK A "WORKERS TURN" WHICH WOULD DELAY BUT NOT REPLACE THE REGIONAL TURN OF THE AMERICAS. THE WORKERS ASSUME THE EMPLOYERS WILL USE THIS PRECEDENT TO CLAIM THEIR TURN LATER ON.

4. COMMENT: IT IS LIKELY THAT MORRIS WILL BE ELECTED, AND THE ILO GOVERNING BODY MIGHT WELL HAVE THREE YEARS OF WESTERN-ORIENTED CHAIRMEN; MORRIS IN 77-78; A NORTH AMERICAN CANDIDATE IN 78-79; AND AN EMPLOYER, PROBABLY BERGENSTROM, IN 79-80. CATTO

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